

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 25-28 and 31 remain active in the present application, Claims 25, 27 and 31 having been amended and Claims 29 and 30 having been cancelled by the present amendment. The amendments to Claims 25, 27 and 31 are believed to be self-evident from the original disclosure. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 29 and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 and Claims 25-28 and 31 were allowed.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter. In addition, Applicants note that Claims 25, 27 and 31 have been amended to correct some minor informalities. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that amended Claims 25, 27 and 31 are allowable for the same reasons as was indicated regarding the previous version of the claims.

With respect to the rejection of Claims 29 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. §101, Applicants note that these claims have been cancelled by the present response. Thus, the rejection of these claims under §101 is moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of Claims 29 and 30 under §101 be withdrawn.

Consequently, in view of the above comments, no further issues are believed to be outstanding and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

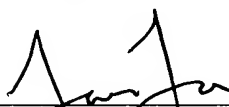
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